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South Africa: Atop a Volcano of Oppression

June 16 bears a grim reminder to South Africa's 20 million blacks. Four years ago massive strikes and protests erupted in the shanty town of Soweto, just outside Johannesburg. According to official South African version 616 people (blacks) were killed in those riots. The actual figure ran into thousands as white armed policemen pumped repeated volleys indiscriminately into stone-throwing blacks. The police had full backing of the government.

In the last two weeks, both blacks and South Africa's 3 million coloured joined in protests and strikes commemorating the Soweto riots. Again Soweto and the Elsies River township near Cape Town erupted. South African police went in with attack dogs to tear demonstrators apart. Those who escaped the dogs were gunned down mercilessly. The police first used teargas to blind stone-throwing protesters and then started their familiar routine of killing. Officially 42 people, of course all blacks or coloured, were killed and hundreds injured. The government blamed the agitation on "communists". Indeed, this has been the standard government line and its apologists abroad, particularly in Europe and North America. Western governments which preach so much about democracy and equal rights are quite happy carrying trade with apartheid South Africa under the excuse of keeping communism at bay. If the price is to club blacks and coloureds into submission or imprison thousands on Robben Island, from where few have emerged alive, then so be it.

For almost 70 years since the Boer war, 4 million whites, most of whom are christians, or 3.8% of the population own 63 percent of the land. Areas reserved for blacks, called Bantu land, constitute less than 12 percent for almost 80% of the population. Blacks are not allowed to vote and their areas are governed by Government appointed tribal chiefs.

UN-EQUAL

Blacks are not allowed to live in white areas, travel in buses reserved for whites or even sit on park benches in white areas. Each day at 4.00 a.m. blacks start from their shanty towns to walk to work in white areas. Pass book is compulsory for each black to carry. Failure to do so could mean jail. At night most blacks return well past 8.00 p.m. to their shanty town. Electricity, hot water or even clean cold water is not available to blacks.

3000 African Rands are spent on each white child's education; for blacks it is not even 80 Rands. Medical facilities are non-existent and many black children die before they are 5.

In 1976, a young black teacher activitist Steven Beko was tortured to death by police. The official version said he committed suicide and the judicial inquiry exonerated the police.

South Africa sits atop a volcano; black resentment is seething under the artificial calm enforced through arms supplied by the civilized governments of the west, or the zionist state of Isr_el. The tip of Africa is about to throw the last vestiges of a colonial era and usher in the dawn of a new freedom. □



South Africa; white man's burden

The Bomb Syndrome : Hypocrisy of the West

Every few weeks, the western media seems to "discover" something new about the alleged Islamic bomb. for over two years now every newspaper and TV network has been making predictions about the Pakistani nuclear explosion. The imminent explosion has yet to occur but many myths have been exploded on the way. Western media objectivity is one of them.

But the recent series of articles "Bomb for Pakistan" by BBC reporters appeared with such clockwork regularity in the Canadian press that feelings of a conspiracy seemed hard to supress. The alleged bomb-thriller series started with the **Montreal Gazette** and before their readers had had a chance to sort out the fact from fiction, the **Toronto Star** jumped on the bandwagon. Every few months the **Star's** imaginative columnists have produced pages of fiction on the Pakistani bomb, coloured with James Bond style dare-devil operations. **The Globe and Mail's** decision to join the ranks of the fiction press has taken many by surprise. But this should not be so; the western press has been accused of many things but objectivity. Infact the Canadian press, like many other institutions in Canada, seem to take or lead from its counterparts to the South. In this quest, papers are competing for sensationalism and if this can be coupled with dragging Pakistan through the mud, so much the better.

Notwithstanding Pakistan's repeated denials of any intentions to make a bomb, the issue needs to be examined more objectively. First; whether Pakistan has any genuine needs for going to the nuclear option to obtain energy and secondly how and why does Pakistan's (alleged) efforts to acquire a bomb make it any different from India, Israel or South Africa?

EXPLODED

Perhaps the second question ought to be tackled first.

On May 18, 1974 India exploded its nuclear device with material supplied by the US and a Candu reactor supplied by Canada. While Canada has stopped further shipments of fuel the United States has continued to do so under the pretext of maintaining leverage with India. If the intention is to prevent nuclear proliferation no excuse can be advanced to justify double-standards. Besides the US has not even been able to justify the leverage-option with India, which incidentally has pocketted $10 billion from both the US and USSR in the last thirty years. More significantly, India is the strongest Soviet ally in South Asia with whom it is tied by a 20 year treaty of friendship signed on August 9, 1971. This treaty is similar to the one the Soviets signed with Vietnam or with Afghanistan's Marxist-regime in 1979.

The Israeli and South African situations are even worse: the CIA has, for years, been clandestinely supplying nuclear know-how to Israel which in turn has been cooperating with the racist and barbaric regime in South Africa. In 1968 a US ship carrying nuclear fuel was conveniently hijacked to Israel which has an elaborate nuclear programme of its own. In 1973 during the crucial days of the October war, Israel is reported to have assembled several bombs in case the advancing Arab armies came too close for comfort. In March 1980, a book prepared by two Israeli journalists revealing the Israeli nuclear capability was banned in Israel and the authors put on trial.

In September 1979, an unspecific explosion was recorded in the atmosphere off the South African coast. While South Africa maintained a convenient silence, no "enterprising" journalists took it upon themselves to investigate the South African nuclear threat to the world. But Paistan's alleged efforts regularly come up for scrutiny.

SINISTER

But the double standards in nuclear technology are far more sinister: the U.S., U.S.S.R, Britain, France and China all have nclear bombs. A frantic nuclear race is going on between the U.S. and USSR and both have a "Mutually Assured Destruction"((MAD) capability of at least ten times. More and more funds are funnelled into the nuclear and military arena; both the US and USSR have allocated record budgets, in excess of $150 billion by each, for defence in 1980. And the US has even demonstrated its irresponsibility by dropping the bomb on two **SEPARATE OCCASIONS ON** Japan in 1945. But it is Pakistan that earns the wrath for, as yetunproveneffort to make a bomb.

Would an alleged Pakistani bomb be any more lethal than a Christian, Jewish, Communist or a Hindu bomb?

Repeated articles about Pakistan's alleged bomb have also alluded to the threat it might pose to India AND Israel. Do the Indian and Israeli bombs not pose a threat to Pakistan's existence? By raising such hypothetical questions, are the authors of these reports not posing a threat to world peace, by creating a fear Complex which might be used as a pretext for attack on Pakistan?

ENERGY NEEDS

And now to the more important aspect of Pakistan's genuine energy needs. In 1974 Pakistan's oil import bill was $400 million. Today it is $1 Billion. A country in desparate need of energy from whatever source to provide subsistence to its people cannot be held back from using all the options available. With 14% of proven world oil reserves, the US still obtains extensive amounts of energy from nuclear reactors, in addition to siphoning off an estimated 10 million barrels a day from abroad for its rapaciously extravagant life style. And yet it begrudges a poor, developing country like Pakistan, to use the nuclear option. A mineral-rich country like Canada also uses power from nuclear reactors extensively.

Pakistan's per capita consumption is 150 Kwh of electricity and 0.2 tons of TCE of commercial energy. The US consumption is 10,000 kwh, elsewhere in the industrial world it is between6-12,000 kwh or 6-12 tons coal equivalent (TCE). Pakistan's consumption rate is 1/10 of the world's average and ⅓rd of the Asian average.

According to a study conducted by the International Atomic Energy Agency in 1972, Pakistan would require an installed capacity of 27,000 megawatt of energy (MWE) by the end of this century to reach the modest level of 800 kwh consumption.

The study also revealed that the optimum utilisation of conventional resources would yield no more than 11,000 MW. The remaining 16,000 MW has to obtained from other sources.

That is where Pakistan's nuclear energy programme comes in.

Nuclear-generated Energy is not the exclusive right of the US, its clients or surrogates. Denying any country the use of such an option is not only immoral, it is highly hypocritical. More important, selectively condemning one country through unconfirmed and fictional reports cannot advance the cause of peace or humanity. □

Muslim World

Pulling wool through token pull-out

Despite months of bombardment, wiping out whole villages in Afghanistan and killing thousands of innocent people, the Soviet Union has got nowhere with its attempts to terrorize the Afghan people into submission. More important, the Afghan Mujahedeen have intesiffied their resistance against the brutal occupation of their country. And hundreds of thousands of villagers have also joined in this resistance struggle. Stung by their failure at the hands of poorly armed Mujahedeen, the Soviets have tried to play their hand in a differeat manner.

Coinciding with the Venice conference by the seven big industrialized countries, the Soviets announced a token withdrawal of some units and about 108 tanks from Afghanistan. But the troops were stationed just across the border which has been used in the past for staging assaults into Afghanistan. While the partial troop withdrawal does not alter the basic fact of Soviet barbarity and attempted colonialism, because there are still an estimated 80,000 to 90,000 troops, it reveals a major failure in Soviet objectives. The massive armour and in particular, the tanks have proved totally useless in a terrain where the Mujahedeen have mounted guerilla-style operations. And far from pacifying or frightening the Afghans into submission the Soviet invasion has had completely the opposite effect. Not only have the Mujahedeen continued to challange Soviet occupation, Afghan villagers, students, teachers, intellectuals and shopkeepers have all joined in the movement to resist occupation. The Soviet-installed puppet regime of Babrak Karmal is beset with internal strife and low morale. Rival factions have been gunning down each other while Karmal remains a virtual prisoner in the palace.

A Radio Pakistan news story recently quoted reliable sources as saying that Karmal had sttempted suicide because of his complete failure in government and for being beld a virtual prisoner by the Soviets.

Afghan and Soviet officials do not venture out without armed escort and at night Kabul is under curfew but nothing moves without the consent of the Mujahedeen. Parcham and Khalq government officials are also targets for the Mujahedeen and the resentful population. Todate scores have been gunned down or knifed to death for betraying the country.

Thus the Soviet announcement, with much fanfare is a tacit admission of their as well as an attempt to deflect the strong condemnation that their actions have earned in Afghanistan. □

India's second nuclear blast this year likely

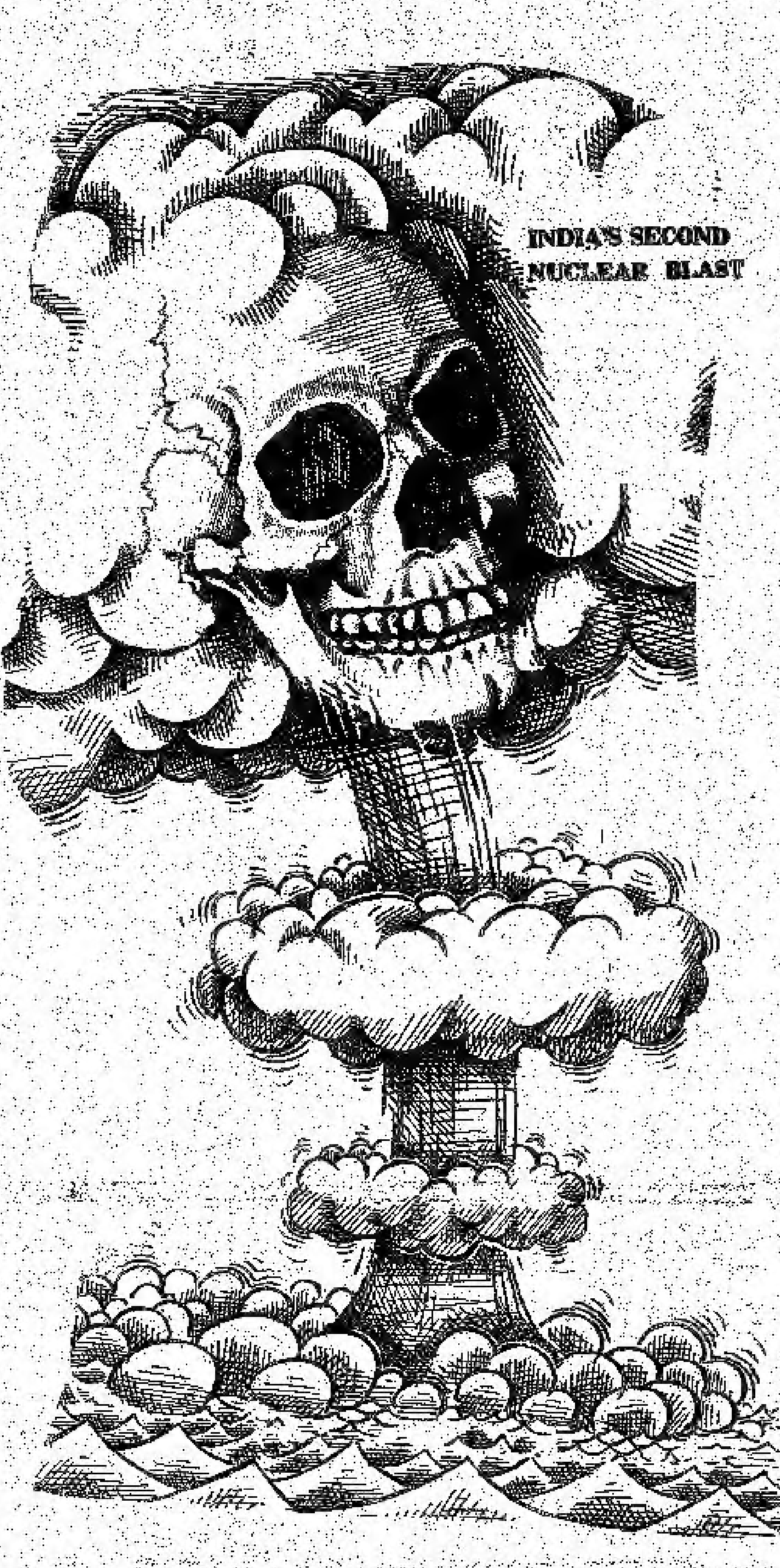
London: Well-informed sources indicated here that India was on its way to her second nuclear explosion which may take place some time later this year, reports PPI.

These sources, which preferred to remain unidentified, based their assessment on the activities which are currently underway in the Indian Atomic Energy Commission and its allied departments. These activities, in their opinion, commenced soon after the return of Mrs. Indira Gandhi to power early this year. It was during her rule, they realled, that India carried out her first successful nuclear explosion in 1974. Independent observers in New Delhi have confirmed that Mrs. Gandhi's successor and predecessor Premier Morarji Desai had, during his term of office, dispersed some nuclear scientists on various jobs. One of the first decisions which Mrs. Indira Gandhi took on resuming the office of Prime Minister was too re-assemble these scientists for the purpose of preparing for another nuclear explosion.

It may be recalled that, speaking in the Rajya Sabha on March 13, this year, the Indian Prime Minister had categorically declared that India would not hesitate to carry out further nuclear tests "in her national interest". Only on May 31, while talking to a visiting American Congressional delegation, led by Congressman Jesly Wolff, she said in New Delhi that India would continue to carry out nuclear explosions for development of atomic energy. She added that India had refused to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty as "it was impractical and of no consequence".

In view of these factors, the sources commented that "all indications are that India is well set for another nuclear explosion later this year".

These sources expressed surprise that despite the fact that India had already carried out a nuclear explosion and her Prime Minister was making no secret of her future intentions in this regard, both the Super-Powers, the USA and the USSR, were helping her in her nuclear programme. President Carter has approved a further shipment of 40 tons of enriched uranium to India, while the Soviet Union has provided additional supplies of 250 tons of heavy water, the first instalment of which has already reached India. □



Asad escapes Bomb blast

Syria's dictator Hafez Asad escaped death when a bomb blasted, blowing his foot, last week. While not reported in the state-controlled press of syria, diplomatic sources confirmed the blast which is reported to have occurred at the time of a visit of an African leader.

In recent months, riots and demonstrations have erupted in Syria against the minority Alawite rule of Asad whose repressive regime has been coming hard on its people. In particular, resistance to his terror rule has come from Islamic leadership who have also borne the brunt of the crack-down. Aleppo has seen the worst strikes and military oppression in recent weeks by the Asad regime. □

Soviet Backed onslaught of Somalia

Dollo, Somalia, was once a busy town of 10,000 inhabitants. Today it is a haunted place of abandoned houses.

Imperialist Russia supplied christian Ethiopia MIG-21 and 23 fighter-bombers to hit this Muslim town since June 18.

A MIG 23 was shot down in full view of nearby refugees who watched as the white-skinned pilot was rescued by a new Soviet MI-24 helicopter gunship, one of two accompanying the warplanes. It was the first time the sophisticated choppers have been seen on this three-year-old battle front.

Somalia estimates that more than 25,000 Ethiopian troops are now deployed in the southern Ogaden in preparation for a major campaign against the WSLF.

With no easy victory in sight for either side, the Somali view is that the air raids may be aimed at clearing the border area of the estimated 300,000 refugees encamped in the region.

Meanwhile, the people of Dollo have fled deeper into the Somali interior following the MIG sorties, adding their numbers to the already 1.5 millionwar refugees in this impoverished country.

Many Dollo residents can be found at the tiny village of Gedwayn, 20 miles south of here. Among them was Dollo's assistant municipal commissioner, Hassan Mohammed Guhad. □



In Muslim Somalia for every five inhabitants there is one refugee.

O TEMPORA! O MORES!

Walking briskly: Walking tall Gutless imbeciles

Baber Changezi

July 5, 1977 — the Royal Pakistan Army carried out another coup against the much oppressed Pakistanis. The slow, sluggish, senile leadership of the combined opposition parties, then known as PNA, embraced the coup leaders. The old men of politics did not pause to reflect that General Zia's coup was against the very legitimate aspirations and desires of the neglected people.

Had the PNA stood its ground, some say, Pakistan may have surpassed Iran's revolution. An archaic and corrupt army-bureaucracy coterie would have been dispatched to a moredeserving locale. But the PNA leadership hailed the Nizam e Mustafa(?) loving general as a saviour — a Mehdi come lately.

And the people of Pakistan, those surviving souls agonised over their wasted dead — once more! They are to be blamed themselves for letting the political leaders hoodwink them time and again.

In the past, immediately after attaining power, the Pakistani leaders would visit Tehran under one pretext or another. Haj and Umrah could wait, but first they must pay homage to the representatives of crertain foreign powers.

Strangely, since the Islamic Revolution in Iran, Pakistan's 'beloved' general Zia is yet to summonup enough courage to pay a visit to Imam Khomaini. Before he visits Iran he would like to solve a simple problem.
How to distort the genuinely popular revolution in Iran from catching the imagination of his slogan-fed millions.

Some in his Administration sincerely believe that Pakistan is precariously balanced at the edge of a precipice. A nudge here or there and it may well roll over down to the valley of Bears or Banias.

This nudge is no small push. It has to come from Sincere Leadership, a rather scarce commodity in Pakistan. Where can it be found? Certainly not in the living rooms of 'concerned' Pakistani living abroad.
Since we do spend so much time over endless cups of tea, in smoke filled living rooms, hypothesizing over sure fire solutions to Pakistan's grave problems, suppose we try to determine where sincere leadership can emerge from? Let us start with a process of elimination.

Army? Out of the window.
□ Bureaucracy? Out of the same window, and hurry please.
□ Present Opposition Leaders? Second them to Madame Tussaud's or the Niagara Museum of Horror, Niagara Falls, Ontario, with best wishes and affection.
□ So-called Mullahs? Too confused, ill prepared and obscurantist. Leave them alone in their own dream world.
□ Intelligentsia? With noble exceptions, most are like medusa. And less useful.
□ Overseas Pakistanis? Mmmmmmmmm, mmmmmmmmm. no good!
□ Trade Unionists? Most are spineless but some do good work.
□ Students? Good catalyst, but most need constant guidance.
It will not be wrong to assume that any potential leadership has to come forward from among the students, intellectuals (lawyers, judges, writers), and perhaps from exiled Pakistanis.

As I was putting down my thoughts on Army's continued 'occupation' of Pakistan an un-named person passed me a letter ostensibly written by some Pakistani students from 'somewhere' in Pakistan. Let me quote a few passages from this longish letter.

"……ours is a broad nucleus (of students) who want to save Pakistan from the certain disaster that the present regime is leading us into …… and to put back Pakistan on the path to Ummah's glory.

"In the past we have been very instrumental in the downfall of Ayub, Yahya and Bhutto. We sacrificed many lives for a just and Islamic society. But our leaders consistently betrayed us. Thanks to the recent Islamic Revolution in Iran, this time InshaAllah the world will find us better organised, disciplined, and armed with more than our faith. We have sadly concluded that the might of the Army must be crushed on Pakistani soil and the Awam be armed if we are ever to pursue our ideological goals of a Islamic society.
"As overseas Pakistanis, please do not swallow Zia's propaganda about our intentions. We will evolve a truly representational government. We need all your help……
"Under normal conditions our call to overthrow the Army rule can be called a treasonable act. However, these are not normal times for Pakistan. Should we fail, and each one of us knows this, we may have to shake hands with the Tara Masihs. We have no faith in Zia's judiciary. But should that happen, even then we will walk briskly, walk tall……in the knowledge that we tried."

I would comment later on this letter. Let us hear from you.

Bhutto may have had the same insight when he ridiculed and insulted the Army brass at every chance he got. But he messed up and had to pay for it with his life. The generals knew that they were his power base, and sooner or later they will get a crack at him. They did. Tara Masih will tell you that. □

Sind High Court upholds constitutional amendment

A full bench of the Sind High Court, upheld (by majority) the validity of the amendments made in the Article 199 of the constitution on June 20, 80. The full consisted of the acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Abdul Hye Kureshi, Mr. Justice Abdul Hafeez Memon, Mr. Justice S.A. Nusrat, Mr. Justice Zafar Hussain Mirza and Mr. Justice Saeed Zaman Siddiqui. The hearings were spread over two weeks and the arguments were heard for 11 days.
A court order said the full bench was constituted to answer the following two questions arising out of the promulgation of constitutional amendment order 1980:

(1) Whether the power of this court under Article 199 has been taken away in respect of case arising out of or in relation to convictions, sentences and proceedings recorded, pending or taken by the military courts.

(2) Whether the pending petitions in relations number one have abated.

In accordance with the opinion of the majority, the constitutional petitions pending in the High Court in relations to proceedings, convictions and sentences passed by the military courts have abated, and the court has no jurisdiction under Article 199 of the constitution to hear them. The full bench ordered that the case shall be certified to be fit for appeal □

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EDITORIAL

A Summer of Discontent

A [illegible]y convention of Pakistani lawyers in Lahore recently pass[illegible] several resolutions dealing with the present state of affairs in Pakistan. The legal pundits did not find many things amusing and decided to express their disapproval by coming out in the streets to protest. They also called for elections within three months.

Right at the start of the convention, a government representative handed them a letter declaring the meeting illegal, since it ran contrary to some martial law regulations. The convention, nevertheless, proceeded. But when the lawyers ventured into the streets, police with batons charged the procession and scores were reported injured.

The lawyers issued a call for a general strike for July 5th coinciding with the third anniversary of the military take-over. But there is little likelihood that the call will produce a major response for or pose serious threat for the military regime.

The lawyers do not have their roots among the mass of people who usually bear the brunt of the high-handed response of the government in power. The summer recess of Colleges as well as the oppressive heat will keep most people away from the streets, even if they have great sympathy with the call.

But what is most significant is the general public's total disillusion with the conventional political leaders, political parties and the elite groups. A glimpse of the measure of this distrust was given during a recent court hearing of Air Marshal Asghar Khan when he called upon the lawyers and judges to lead the movement against military rule.
Asghar Khan's suggestion was ridiculed and laughed at in the court room. Not much sympathy exists for other politicians either.

This is not to suggest that the military regime is any more popular: prices, as usual, have sky-rocketted; despite apparent prosperity, the average citizen is crushed under the weight of the high cost of living. Essential items of necessity are hard to comeby, except at exorbitant prices. And of course the old bureaucracy and police that used to crush people in former regimes are doing the same dirty job again.

Press censorship is in full force; the military, the police and bureaucracy have again become the holy cows. They can do "no wrong" and any criticism of their activities will quickly bring the wrath of the government. ZINDAGI, that popular and illustrious weekly of Pakistan was banned last month and its declaration cancelled for printing an article without submitting it to censors. Quite often, censors apply totally arbitrary standards to lift portions of an article and render it, obsolete it for publication. Previously, journalists could express their indignation by leaving blankspaces in the paper or magazine, now even that is not permitted.

Perhaps the censors think they are serving the interests of the country by their petty deeds. Stifling voices of intelligent criticism from people whose credentials are impeccable and whose sacrifices enormous, is a great disservice to the country. No government is flawless, no human being perfect and no policy obsolute. Without constructive criticism, the country can easily slip into fascism which would evoke such a strong protests that it may threaten the very existence of Pakistan.

The petty officials who carried out dirty assignments for former regimes and hastened their downfall are at it again. May God help Pakistan. □

OUR REPRESENTATIVES AROUND THE WORLD

ENGLAND—Shahida Ahmad, London, MANCHESTER (U.K.)—Yasien Agha, KUWAIT—Kafeel Owaisi, NEW YORK—Tariq Hafeez, M.A. Bhatti, MONTREAL Khawaja SOUTHERN & MID WESTERN STATES—Shaheen Mirza, CALGARY—Dalawar Hussain, VANCOUVER—Shams Iqbal, WEST INDIES—Javed Iqbal, DENMARK Mir Ahmed Orakzai EDMONTON - Dr. A. Khaliq

WONDERING ALOUD

Chipping away at lies Quest for truth London, Rome, Milan

Muhammed al Saifani

Life is but an Inter Universe Highway leading to eternal Peace. That this highway is full of ramps and exits to vales of temptation, corruption, injustice, inequality, and disobedience makes the drive a challenge and a pleasure for the Muslim Ummah.

While traversing this highway we also encounter many emotional pangs. You may share some observations.

PANGS OF GROWING UP:
Coming out - - natural versus the process named after that famous Roman Emperor; breast, bottle and spoon feeding; baby food; receiving countless baby tips; diaper; that first 'Ma' or 'Pa' and that first small step; learning your own mother tongue with a funny accent; learning math and not knowing it is the new math; loss of roots; visiting country of origin and exclaiming "Mom, look at all the insects!"

PANGS OF GROWN UPS:
Long hair, blue jeans and social unrest; that first (and usually misfired) love; post first-love recovery and insights into deeper meanings of life; dynamism and stillness; idealism and some hot air; rather simplistic view of the world; solutions for all ills; impatience and presumption; friction with authority; and finally mellowing.

OTHER PANGS:
Search for the elusive truth. Conor cruise O'Brien writes: "All criticism, all political analysis, involves a quest for truth, but few critics, few analysts, could give a philosophically respectable or coherent answer to the question: what is truth? Yet we can identify lies readily enough, and can reasonably hope that, when we have chipped away at these, what remains will be closer to the indefinable truth."

More on lies by the same writer: "Lies, after all, are a means of having one's own way: of winning wars, including reolutionary and counter-revolutionary was, cold wars and hot wars. Peaceful coexistence, which require some degree of mutual confidence, demands ipso facto a reduction in the lis-content of human exchange. Those who would place commitment to the truth above all expediencies - even the immediate apparent interests of peace or social justice — can claim that only such a commitment can begin to provide that genuinely international interracial and reliable language without which humanity is likely to destroy itself."

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LONDON, ROME, MILAN in our memory cells were associated with cities where our respective airlines used to fly to. Recently **LONDON, ROME** and **MILAN** have become associated with cities where Col. Gaddhafi's infamous Hit Squad has succeeded in dispatching dissident Libyans' souls towards their final destination.

Many, including this columnist, fail to understand the quirk in Gaddhafi's mind. What kind of a person is he? Is he mad as western media projects or is he too smart? At times it is difficult to fatham his thinking. What kind of adherence to Islamic values makes one support the Russian occupation and invasion of Afghanistan?

At the recently concluded Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference at Islamabad, Libya supporrted Palestinian efforts at watering down criticism of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan in the final resolution. How do you explain this duality to a young Afghan grows up, can you ask him to fight or otherwise support the cause of a free Palestine?

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Sayyed Ahmed writes from somewhere in the Arabian wasteland, "In the past I have been passionately concerned about the fate of the Muslim Ummah. But lately I realised that I am a very selfish fellow. My plants, my books, my friends! How could I ever reconcile my attitude with my feelings for the the Ummah? Simple — my plants, my books, my friends, my Ummah and my Ummah's higher purpose!"

A colleague emerged from the think tank with this query: do you recall any successful mass movement in Pakistan that was launched between the period of October of any year?

The answer has to be in the negative. When the students are busy writing their examinations or when they are on holidays they are unable to provide a backbone for a successful mass movement. The lawyers in Pakistan who are trying to launch a united struggle against the military regime would do well to remember this. □

Letters to the editor

Death of a Princess

Dear Sir,

After viewing the film "Death of a Princess" on ABC TV my perception was that the producer has used 'execution' for mudslinging on the Arabs, their culture and Islam. He has ridiculed 'execution' as punishment for adultery which is in consonance with Qoranic laws. If the people of Saudi Arabia choose to be governed by Qoranic law why should this be galling to him.
Furthermore, music within the four walls of the palace and participation of the princess are not un-Islamic, which the producer endeavours to portray; nor is the veil innovation of the Turks. It is ordained in the Qoran, and the Arab women live by it.

To add insult to injury, the producer has shown Arab women going to the desert in cars in quest of men, and picking up men from the 'Fire Dance'. This is a despicable lie without an iota of truth.

The Royal grandfather by allowing his favourite grand-daughter to be executed according to the tenets of the Qoran, on which Saudi law is based, has shown what a true Muslim he is, and that Islamic law does not discriminate between Royalty and Commoners.

To put words in the mouth of the actors to depict that there are two laws in Saudi Arabia-tribal law and Islamic law, is a distortion of facts. There is only Islamic law in Saudi Arabia and no tribal law runs parallel to it. Besides the producer also wants us to believe that another girl was bought, substituted for the princess and executed. This is also far from truth.

It is a pity the producer for sensationalism and 'filthy lucre' chose a theme which is an internal affair of Saudi Arabia not affecting any other part of the world. The film could neither tarnish the political stature of the Royalty nor the integrity of the people of Saudi Arabia. It has only left a bad taste in the mouth.

Yours truly
Mehboob Sayed
Mississauga, Ont.

Introduce Crescent to a Friend

Islamic Resurgence: Confronting imperialist plots

By Zafar Bangash

A class society depends for its survival upon the reproduction of not only material conditions but also the perpetuation of certain myths which have come to form the basis of its existence. Within the society, this conformity is achieved by persuasion as well as coercion, while externally, force is the only option used to achieve desired goals.

Imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism are some such value systems perpetrated by the west for the growth of usury capitalism. Communism is no different; only the emphasis in terminology is varied. Communism and usury capitalism depend for their survival on maintaining the present balance of power within certain well defined limits and while outward policies may give the impression that the two systems are opposed to each other, in actual practice they are very nearly the same.

The rootsof communism are not to be found in Russia; Marxist philosophy is based on the Judo-christian tradetions of the west. Even the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 was heavily financed by the west and in particular by bankers in New York and Berlin(1). After the Second World War, when the west had the capability to destroy the communist state, far from doing so, it joined in its reconstruction(2).

SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Islamic Revolution in Iran and the brave challange of the Mujahedeen to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan must be viewed in this context. In particular, the Iranian situation has upset all calculations and artificial norms created by the west in its efforts to plunder and exploit the world.

These 'norms' have received a further set-back in the face of repeated failed attempts by the imperialists of the west as well as the east. The depth and vision of the Islamic Revolution in Iran and the numerous Islamic struggles being waged in various parts of the world have been termed, by the Muslims, **Islamic Resurgence.** Protagonists of Islam have of course branded this **Islamic Fanaticism or Islamic Militancy.** But the fact remains that a new wave of enthusiasm, a new awareness is sweeping the Muslim world which has given rise to new hopes among Muslims and perhaps, put a little fear of God into the exploiters and disbelievers.

But before we are overwhelmed by our own enthusiasm, we would do well to take stock of the situation and carefully analyse our past failures, present condition and future prospects.

THE MUSLIM WORLD

Estimates as to the exact number of Muslims in the world today varies: some say that there are 800 million Muslims while others put the figure as high as 1 billion. Even if we go along with the conservative estimate of 800 million Muslims, it represents 1/5 of humanity. Of the 56 or so countries that can be called Muslim, by virtue of having over 50% inhabitants who are Muslims, the highest and lowest per capita incomes in the world can also be found in the Muslim world. Perhaps it should be expressed in a different way. Some of the richest people in the world and the poorest are to be found in the Muslim world. Infact among the world's destitute, perhaps the Muslim world has a large, if not the largest percentage.

And in this great variety, from Indonesia to Morrocco, quest for an Islamic identity continues despite isolated and compartmentalised areas of activity. Through the years of brain-washing and indoctrination, Muslims in different parts of the world have been conditioned to call themselves Pakistani-Muslims, Eyyptian-Muslims or Yugoslav-Muslims instead of Muslims from Pakistan, Egypt, Yugoslavia etc. The nationalistic identity is so deeply rooted in the psyche of the Muslims, through the courtesy of western colonial education, that despite years of apparent freedom the Muslims have not been able to break out of this nationalistic cage. Indeed, this cage was carefully constructed by the colonial masters to tame the real Muslim in it.

CHANGES OF NATIONALISM

However, there is a gradual awareness among Muslims that without breaking the chains of nationalism, Muslims cannot hope, nor deserve to achieve the glory that was taken so much for granted in the first 1000 years of Muslim history. Recent events have simply reinforced this basic truth.

The Islamic Revolution in Iran has received wide spread support among the vast body of informed Muslim opinion; the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan has also been condemned by an overwhelming majority. From the occupation of Jerusalem to the struggle of Muslims in the Philippines and Eritrea, Muslims have expressed concern and anxiety. Indeed they have been debated in such forums as the Islamic Conference and resolutions passed at the United Nations at the behest of Muslim governments. But despite this concern and anxiety, Muslims are being massacred in Afghanistan, great scholars of Islam are martyred in Iraq and Syria and the enemies of Islam can mount daring raids into the Islamic Republic of Iran. That the raid failed through the help of Allah (swt) does not hide the fact that supposedly Muslim rulers expressed open sympathy for the raiders and took pride in the fact that their land had been used to stage the attack(3).

Great scholars like Imam Baqr-Sadr do not come by every day; they cannot be produced in universities or colleges, wisdom is a gift bestowed by Allah(swt) and the entire Islamic world is deprived of such wisdom because tyrants and dictators fear for their own safety in the presence of such eminent scholars.

But the Islamic world has suffered such tragedies throughout history. In the recent past the entire leadership of the **Ikhwan-ul-Muslemeen** was martyred by Nasr of Egypt on fictitious charges. One of the charges against Syed Qutb Shaheed was that in explaining the meaning of the Kalima لا اله الا الله he had said that Muslims should not accept the authority of anyone except **ALLAH** (swt). This was interpreted by the court as incitement to violence and rebellion against the govt.(4) In Iran too, the Islamic leadership had been waging a struggle for years: thousands of Islamic workers, students, scholars were imprisoned, tortured, exiled or martyred in the last 60 years under Raza Shah and his father, Raza Khan. Even in the recent Islamic revolution, over 100,000 were massacred by the Shah's brutal army but ultimately good triumphed over evil. A similar movement was launched for the achievement of Pakistan in the early '40s and while the Muslims over-powered the combined intrigue of the British and Hindus, they were outwitted by the western educated, secularised Muslims who hijacked the Islamic movement and to this day have prevented Pakistan from becoming an Islamic Republic.

TRAGEDIES

It is therefore pertinent to review both the background to nationalism and how it was introduced in the Muslim world as well as the role of the western educated secularised Muslims in betraying fellow Muslims.

From the advent of Islam, and the first Islamic State that the Prophet (PBUH) established in Medina, Muslims dominated the world for 1000 years. But thereafter, starting with the fall of Spain, they were surpassed by an alien and often hostile civilization of the west (5). Noted western historians like A.J.P.Taylor have gloated over the fact that 'Europe began to get going in the 16th century and its triumph came in the 20th.'(6). But the triumph of the west was not confined to the arts or sciences alone; gradual penetration and finally complete subjugation of the Muslim world also took place in the last 200 years.

ADVENT OF ISLAM

British colonialists guised as traders had already arrived in Mughal India in the 16th century. Trading concessions were extracted from Mughal rulers first but as Muslim power declined, British intrigue and mischief, instigating rival factions to fight each other ensured British gains. A final blow was struck in 1857 when the great uprising of Muslims failed to dislodge the British who tightened their grip on India and Muslims were relegated to the back-stage of history.

In the Middle East, then part of the Ottoman empire, seeds of nationalism were sown by promises of rich reward and thrones to various Arab speaking groups in return for throwing out the Turks. Local Sheikhs sided with the British or French, who were then dividing the Middle East into their respective spheres of influence, to overthrow Ottoman rule. While the Power of the Ottoman rulers had declined and the office of the Khalifah had become hereditory, and in essence, a monarchy, Muslims worried little as long as political power lasted and the political framework for the expansion and protection of the Muslim empire existed (7).

But all this was changing as the British and French conspired with such figures as Muhammed Ali of Egypt and SHARIF Hussain of Makka to overthrow the Ottoman rule. The idea was not to give them self rule but to elbow out the Turks and make way for the exploitation of the Muslim world by the west(8). The subjugation of the Middle East, and particularly Egypt had the added advantage that it provided a direct link, through the Suez Canal, to India, then under effective British control. In North Africa, the British, French and the Italians divided various parts as their respective domains. The real intentions of the British were revealed by Lord Cromer, the pro-consul of Egypt from 1883-1907 that the people of the world are naturally divided in to the 'governing races' and the 'subject races.' Naturally, Cromer considered the British as the governing race, ordained by Providence to civilize the world!

CONSPIRED

The Jews were likewise promised a homeland in Palestine through the infamous Belfour Declaration.

If politically the Ottoman empire was undermined by the combined intrigue of the British and French, economically they were also bankrupt, with debts of 63 million pound sterlings owed to Britain France and Imperial Germany(9).

COLLAPSE

Defeat in the 1st World War and the Young Turks Movement, led by the Nationalist leader, Ata'Turk finally brought an end to the tottering Ottoman empire, helped in no small measure by the greedy Shaikhs who wanted their puppet states or kingdoms of Saudi Arabia, Trans-Jordan, Iraq or Syria. The depth of imperialist intrigue only dawned on the Muslims with the Belfour Declaration and subsequent British and French policies in the region. The Belfour Declaration not only promised a national home for the Jewish people but also affirmed 'that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine...'

That the British had no right to determine what the people of the region should or should not do never bothered either the British or the local nationalist leaders. But even in their promises the British were not sincere; in a secret memorandum in August 1919, Belfour had declared at the time of the Paris Peace Conference: "The four great powers are committed to Zionism, and zionism, be it right or wrong, good or bad, is rooted in age long tradition, in present needs, in future hopes, of far profounder import than the desires and prejudices of the 700,000 Arabs who now inhabit the ancient land...."(10).

It would be unfair not to mention the contribution made by great Muslim thinkers and Islamic workers like Jamaluddin Afghani, Muhammed Abduh, Rashid Rida, Abdur Rahman Kawkabi, in the Middle East and the Mujahideen Movement in India started by Shah Waliullah and briefly rekindled by Sayyid Ahmed Shaheed and Shah Ismail Shaheed(11).

INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

But they were up against a far more sinister and organised force from the west.

As stated earlier, the survival of a class society depends on the reproduction of not only material goods but also on the perpetuatio of certain myths about th superiority of its own race a well as 'norms' necessary for suc a system. The industrial revolu tion made it imperative for th west to acquire cheap ra materials from as many sources a possible as well as find dumpin grounds for their manufacture goods. Thus when the Britis arrived in Egypt or India, they no only started importing cotton fo their mills in Lancashire but als destroyed all the indigenou industries and craftsmen wh might compete with their product in the future.

But a far more damaging effo was already under way: the wes had seen the rallying power c slam, with its system of justic and equality and its all embracin principles that could arouse th Muslims at any time. Thus th colonialists were not content wit the economic expolitation of th Muslim world but they also se about re-writing Muslim histor for the Muslims.

ORIENTALISTS

Orientalists and missionaries wer employed to distort the image o Islam and its teachings (12). Th life of the Prophet (PBUH) wa presented in a manner that onl the crooked minds of the wes could conceive(13). And the wes started to create brown english men who have carried on the whit man's burden to this day. Not onl were Muslims turned away fro Islam but in their place a ne breed of Muslims, the wester educated Muslims was created with a new set of ideas, who woul join the rat race for personal end but the larger interests of th **Ummah** would not even ente their subconcience.

Thus when the colonial master departed, in most cases necessi tated by the strains of the Secon World War, the seculariser Muslims took over the reigns o power and for the vast majority o Muslims, it was business as usual The white man had departed bu in his place, MacCauley's brow englishman, had taken over. Sinc he was a product of secula western education, he could onl thrive on the institutions left behind by the departing colonial ists. Not only are most of the educational institutions in the Muslim world mirror-images of the west, and poor images at that, but the Muslims' entire framework of thinking is shaped by western philosophy.

In the present day, a new bree has also emerged; following th struggle for national liberation which incidentally was onl carried out in Algeria in recen times, the new nationalists hav now sought comfort in mimickin the socialist vocabulary. As w have seen, there is little differenc in the basic philosophy of capital ism or marxism. Both are product of Judo-christian traditions; in capitalism, it is maximisation o profit for the individual whereas i communism, it is dictatorship o the proletariat. In actual fact marxist doctrines have not bee put into practice anywhere in the world. The state, as predicted by Marx, has not only **NOT** disappeared but has become a huge apparatus for the suppression and exploitation of the masses. And in a large number of areas, the interests of the west and the communist world coincide. For instance, the Soviet Union was among the first countries to recognise the state of Israel.

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America had of course adopted as its own child and nursed the baby until it has become a monster. There is unity of interest even in Afghanistan despite the western world's strong verbal response to the Soviet invasion. The west would rather see a Marxist Afghanistan than an Islamic one. In Eritrea, the movement was progressive and supported by the Soviet union until Ethiopia got involved with Somalia over the Ogaden region. The Eritrean movement suddenly became non-progressive and therefore had to be destroyed. Every day we hear so much about the persecution of Jews in the Soviet union but nobody has said anything about the persecution and massacre of millions of Muslims in the same Soviet union. While the west has entered an era of neo-colonialism, the Soviet Union is still a big colonial power, having subjugated and suppressed millions of Muslims in Uzbekistan, Turkmanistan and Tajhikistan.

INSTITUTIONS

The departing colonialists not only left areas of conflict in the heart of the Muslim world like Palestine, Kashmir, Eritrea, and the Ogadan region as well as Western Sahara but the institutions left behind have continued to create havoc with the lives of innocent Muslims. Apart from the educational institutions the military and the bureaucracy are two other establishments that have continued to perpetuate the colonial system in the Muslim world.

The job of the army is to destroy and most of them do a professional job of it. Their other task is to defend the borders of the country. To date not one Muslim Army in the neo-coloial era has managed to defend the borders of its country. Infact the Pakistan army, in connivance with the secularised elite, lost half the country to invading foreign armies in December 1971. But almost each and every military in the Muslim world demands a lion's share of the budget and constantly takes over the roins of government. They seem to do two jobs exceptionally well: keeping or maintaining the present system and protecting governments in power from the wrath of the people. Quite often, they take over themselves with promises of handing power to the people's representatives as soon as order has been restored. But since it is not in the interest of the bureaucracy or military establishment, they refuse to allow the illiterate masses to decide what is good for them Infact, not one army has participated in the liberation of their country; the late Ayub Khan proudly proclaimed in his book that as a professional army, the Pakistan army stood by as millions were massacred at the time of the Partition of India and Pakistan(14).

Indeed the Muslim masses are expected to participate in the liberation struggle and lay down their lives in the hundreds of thousands, as happened at the time of the creation of Pakistan or the Algerian liberation movement, but when it comes to choosing who should govern them, they are considered too stupid to decide. That 'noble' task is left in the capable hands of the secularised western educated elite, the military and the bureaucracy.

I am confronted by a dilemma here: while there are imperialist intrigues against the Muslim world all around us, part of the intrigue is carried out as a result of the corruption of ruling elite in the Muslim world. Indeed, if the imperialists did not have the active support of a class of people within the Muslim world, they would not be able to plot their conspiracies with so much ease.

INTRIGUES

The era of gunboat diplomacy is not over yet; whereever possible, the imperialists strike (as in Lebanon in 1958, Egypt in 1956 Afghanistan in 1979 and Iran in 1980). Exploitation takes a slightly different form; big multi-nationals like the Oil Companies, AT & T and Eldorado Chemicals, siphon off (raw materials) from Third World countries at extremely low prices and finished goods are sold to them at astronomical prices. When the producing countries get together, as in OPEC, to demand a fair price, all avenues are used, including threats of war and destabilisation of the countries or regions to obtain the raw material at a lower price. Let us examine oil. Every time there is an increase in the price of oil, a chorus of protest is raised in the west. The entire media empire is used to vile and abuse the oil-producers.

OIL

From the time of the discovery of oil, in Iran in 1908, until well into the 70s, the rate of production, the price paid for it and all post extraction activity been entirely controlled by the big oil companies. In 1959, the price of oil was rolled back unilaterally by the oil companies as a lesson to the insolent demand by Venezuela for a price increase(15). In 1970, out of the $1 per barrel price of oil, the producing countries were paid only 38 cents per barrel. Even western analysts conceded that the price of oil was deliberately kept low and if the producers had asked for lost revenues, billions of dollars would have to be paid to them(16).

Even in the past oil price-hike era, the big oil corporations continue to make astronomic profits. In 1973, the total sale of the top seven oil companies amounted to $15 billion. In the first 3/4 of 1979, their sales had jumped to $66 billion and the largest company, Exxon, made a clean profit of $1.6 billion in 1979.

PROFITS

But even the huge profits that oil producing countries have made since 1973, have been recycled into western economies. Saudi Arabia alone has $60 billion invested in the United States, $25 billion in Europe and the former Shah of Iran simply pocketed billions, by stacking them away in his own accounts in Switzerland and the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York. Other oil producers have done likewise.

Out of Saudi Arabia's $142 billion development budget for the next five years, US and western companies will get the lions share for creating concrete jungles and blasting huge metlled highways in the deserts of Saudi Arabia, in the image of America. While the average American is escaping from the concrete jungle of New York, Saudis are paying huge sums to acquire them.

We all know that Israel is an enemy of the Muslims. But will America give the necessary arms to Saudi Arabia or Egypt or any other Muslim country to defeat the zionist monster?

Saudi and other oil producing countries' investments are used in US and European defence industries which keep the Israeli war machine well stocked to keep the Palestinians and other Arabs in their place, with money supplied by them.

BENEFIT

But there is a benefit or service provided to the investors. In return for investments in the United States, the **CIA AND MOSSAD**, the Israeli inteligence network, provide protection to the monarchs and dictators against potential coup-makers or those who might try to stir up the masses in these countries. For instance, Sadat of Egypt is regularly provided intelligence information by **MOSSAD**. In 1970, King Hussain's army was protected from an attack from Syria by the Israeli army, through the courtesy of Henry Kissinger and Yitzhak Rabbin, then Israeli ambassador in Washington (17).

The former Shah's **SAVAK** was trained in torture and counter-insurgency operations by the **CIA** and **MOSSAD** which they carried with ruthless efficiency. Thousands of Israeli military pesonnel left Iran before the Shah of Iran escaped from his "Island of Stability" in January 1979. But the money he had stolen and stacked away in the Chase Manhattan Bank is being used to finance the Kurdish rebellion and **SAVAK** agents still at large, to undermine the Islamic Revolution in Iran. The Shah has not abdicated his throne and in connivance with the arch-zionist, Henry Kissinger and the president of Chase Manhattan Bank, David Rockafeller, is plotting to stage a come back. The services of former hangers-on and the tin-soldiers who fled Iran with the Shah are being organised, in close co-operation with the **CIA** and the American government (18).

NEWSMEDIA

And a great service is provided by the western newsmedia, particularly the US media in misrepresenting and confusing the situation in Iran. The media has infact taken over where the Orientalists left. Western freedom operates within a carefully established framework. Even a cursery glance would reveal their true nature.

For 14 years the US bombed Vietnam in the name of freedom and for protecting the South Vietnamese from communist take-over. While a furious debate raged on in the US, about the pros and cons of the war, not once did any newspaper challange why the US was in Vietnam at all. The debate simply focussed on whether the US could win the war or not. Naturally, those who thought it could not, wanted the US to pull out. And not one newspaper bothered to reveal the truth that far from saving the South Vietnamese, their entire economy was totally destroyed through incessant bombing. More important, even in the final days of the war when the US was negotiating for an "honourable" withdrawal, American oil men were engaged in negotiating contracts for oil exploration off the Vietnamese coast. Thousands of lives were lost in the final years of peace negotiations while oil men struck their shady deals (19).

During the Shah's barbaric rule, thousands of innocent people were jailed and routinely tortured. Thousands more lost their lives through torture and these horrors were recorded by such organisations as **THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL** and therefore available to the entire western media but no editorials appeared to condemn the Shah. However, after the Islamic Revolution in Iran, when some 600 torturers and murderers were executed for their crimes, after a due process of law and trial, the western world to the last paper rose up in condemnation. A million dollars were offered to Ayatullah Khalkhali for the life of Amir Abbas Hoveida, for many years the Shah's prime minister and a leading member of the Baha'i movement.

It is a common practice for the western media to give out news about the situation in Iran attributed to reliable but confidential sources. One such news item carried by the CBS evening news in Jan. 80 claimed that serious differences had developed between Ayatullah Khomeini and foreign minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh; the Iranian embassy in Washington immediately denied this news story and released a statement to the press but neither CBS nor any other network or paper bothered to print the denial. Similar misreporting about the Islamic Revolution in Iran abounds. It is not surprising therefore to find even well meaning Muslims wondering about the situation in Iran and questioning whether all that is going on is Islamic or right. In the absence of any alternative source of news, people could easily be swayed.

But there are signs of hope in this jungle of confusion: The Islamic Revolution in Iran has shown the depth and vision that has surprised even its enemies. The differences between Shi'a and Sunni emphasis that the west hoped to exploit have not surfaced at all. The Islamic leadership in Iran has operated strictly within the guidelines of Islam and shown great sensitivity to the feelings of fellow Muslims elsewhere in the world.

REVOLUTION

The revolution brought about by the Muslims in Iran has few parralels in this century; the most heavily armed forces, backed by the intelligence networks of the US and Israel were defeated by unarmed civilians in the streets of Iran. Unfortunately a similar movement in Pakistan in 1977 was subverted and the image of the Islamic forces tarnished by compromising with the military establishment.

Today we witness several Islamic movements springing up in the world. But among all the movements, the Islamic Revolution in Iran must stand out as the most brilliant example; this revolution is all the more important because it has stood up to the machinations and intrigues of the enemies of Islam.

Some important lessons ought to be learnt from this Revolution:

1: That western educated Muslims came together with the traditional Islamic leadership to bring about this revolution; intellectuals, teachers, students, workers, shopkeepers, peasants, women and children joined hands with the Ulema to overthrow the most despotic ruler in modern history.

2: That Islamic movements cannot afford to alienate the ordinary Muslim people who must be consulted and taken into confidence for bringing about a revolutionary change; "they manage their affairs by mutual consultation." (XLII-38 **Qura'an**).

3: That Islamic movements must become more broad-based and cannot remain elitist; neither the western educated Muslim, nor the traditional ulema can bring about a lasting change in their societies without the support of the ordinary, even so-called ignorant masses: 'Consult them in the conduct of affairs'.(III-39 **Qur'an**).

4: That Muslims need only have faith in Allah (swt) to embark upon their mission. All the armour in the world will not and cannot defeat them. Allah has promised this in the Sura Al'Fil in the Qur'an and if further proof was needed, the skeletons of the US helicopters in the desert of Tehran should suffice.

After all, every Muslim must know that the only superpower is **ALLAH SUB HANA WA'TA ALLA, AND HIM ALONE.** That is the meaning of the **KALIMA** and that is the message of **TOWHEED** [توحيد].

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PALESTINIAN



By Harun Hashim Rashid

Palestinian,
Palestinian is my name.
In a clear script,
On all battlefields,
I have inscribed my name,
Eclipsing all other titles.
The letters of my name cling to me.
Live with me, nourish me.
Fill my soul with fire.
And pulse through my veins.
Palestinian,
Such is my name, I know.
It torments and grieves me,
Their eyes hunt me,
Pursue me, wound me.
For my name is Palestinian.
And as they pleased,
They have made me wander.
I have lived all my life,
without traits and features,
And as they pleased,
They gave me names and titles.
Jails with their gates flung wide
Summon me.
And in all the airports of the world
Are found my names and titles
The lying wind carries me.
Disperses me.
Palestinian,
The name pursues me, lives with me.
Palestinian is my fate.
Clinging to me, receiving me.
Palestinian I am,
Though they trample me and my name.
Palestinian I am.
Though they betray me and my cause,
Palestinian I am,
Though they sell me in the market,
For thousands of millions,
Palestinian I am.
Though to the gallows they drive me,
Palestinian I am.
Though to the walls they blind me,
Palestinian I am.
Palestinian I am.
Though to the flames they cast me.
I - What am I?
Without my name, Palestinian.
Without a homeland to live for.
To protect and be protected by?
I - What am I?
Answer me, answer me!

Sayings of Prophet Muhammed Pbuh

MANNERS OF TRAVELLING

Anas told that God's Messenger did not come to his family during the night, but was accustomed to enter only in the morning or in the evening.

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If people knew what I know about the dangers of being alone, no rider would travel alone at night.

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Ka'b b. Malik said the Prophet used to arrive from a journey only in the daytime during the forenoon, and that when he arrived he went first to the mosque where he prayed two Rak'as, after which he sat in it and gave audience to the people.

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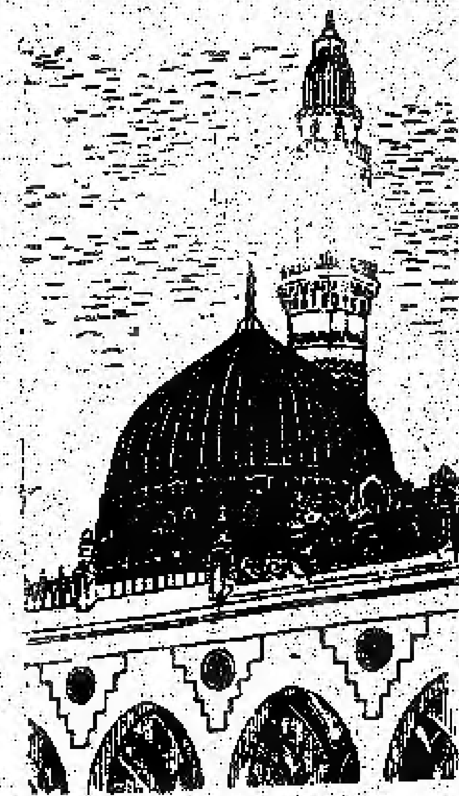
Jabir told that God's Messenger used to keep to the rear when travelling and urge on the weak. He wouldtake someone up behind him and would make supplication for them all.

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The Lord of the people on a journey is their servant.(who looks after the interests of his followers) and he who precedes them in service will not be preceded by them on account of any deed but martyrdom.

MARRIAGE

Marriage is incumbent on all who possess the ability.



The whole world is to be enjoyed but the best thing in the world is a pious woman.

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After fear of God a believer gain nothing better for himself than a good wife who obeys him if he gives her a command, pleases him if he looks at her, is true to him i he adjures her to do something and is sincere towards hi regarding her person and h property if he is absent.

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When a man marries he h fulfilled half of the religion, so l him fear God regarding t remaining half.

Indian dynasty crashes in Delhi

Last week, Mrs. Gandhi's 33-year old son, Sanjay was killed in a glider crash outside the prime minister's mansion. India was stunned, Indira more so for she lost her heir-apparent and her closest political adviser who engineered Indira's return to power last January. Sanjay's death was like the pre-mature death of a tyrant in a tragedy where the remaining cast is gripped by a desire to perpetuate its misery.

The Indian people have suffered many tragedies and miseries, and in recent years, several were inflicted by none other than the little tyrant Sanjay. Short on speech, he wanted to clear things up, efficiently and ruthlessly.

If India was over-populated, Sanjay ordered, "sterilize the people;" if the slums outside New Delhi were an eye-sore, "bull-doze them" and when the girl's father refused permission for marriage, he was murdered and Sanjay had Manik.

When Sanjay's ashes have been blown by the wind or washed down Ganga, the people of India will sigh a relief for deliverance from the little tyrant. □

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Islamic heritage

Be in a domain where neither good nor evil exists; both of them belong to the world of created things; in the presence of Unity there is neither command nor prohibition.

all this talk and turmoil and noise and movement is outside of the veil; within the veil is silence and calm and rest.

Dost thou hear how there comes a voice from the brooks of running water? But when they reach the sea they are quiet, and the sea is neither augmented by their incoming nor diminished by their outgoing.

-Abu Yazid al-Bistami

Community News

Massive response to Tableegh gathering in Detroit, Mich.

Record numbers were expected to attend the Tableeghi Jama'at's first world-wide gathering in North America, at Detroit Michigan. The open-air gathering, at June 28-30 weekend had started to attract Muslims from all corners of North America. Muslims who have generally tended to avoid Islamic gatherings of any kind, were expected to attend as well from places as far off as California and British Columbia.

Several Chartered buses and other joint arrangements were reportedly made from various cities in the US and Canada.

Contingents from Pakistan, India, South Africa, united Kingdom and many other places in Europe were also expected to attend.

One of the most remarkable aspects of Tableegh gatherings is the wide cross-section of people who join from all walks of life, at their own expense and through their own arrangements. The gatherings have no formal format except for some learned scholars who speak on some aspects of Islam. The entire emphasis is on sharing the knowledge of Islam together.

A great many native American and Canadian Muslims are also expected to attend.

Tebleeghi Ijtemas (gatherings) however, do not discuss political issues or contemporary Muslim problems except from a strictly religious perspective.

At the time of going to print, **Crescent Intenational** has not been able to ascertain the total attendance at the Ijtema. Insha'Allah a complete report will be given in the next issue. □

MSA - Summer Conference 1980
15th Century Hijrah: new challanges and emerging opportunities for Muslims

At the advent of the 15th Century of Hijrah, it was natural to discuss the significance, implications, challanges and emerging opportunities for Muslims in North American. Indeed, these would not be confined to Muslims in North America alone for as part of the world-wide **UMMAH** the Muslim Community of North America is just one component. Like a human body, the trials and tribulations in one part of the UMMAH are, or should be, felt by the entire body.

The University of Western Ontario was the venue for the June 27-30, 80 Summer Conference for the Muslim Students Association of US and Canada, discussing the foregoing theme.

Muslims had started to arrive from Thursday onwards and a respectable number had gathered for Friday Khutba which also dealt with the meaning and significance of Khutba.

Despite a clash with a Tableegh gathering in Detroit, where an estimated 10,000 Muslims participated, the MSA Conference attracted 400 Muslims, including families and children. Muslims from Southern Ontario of course came in strength but others came from Ottawa, Montreal and several from the US.

In any MSA gatherings, it is always heartening to notice that adherence to Islamic dress, code of ethics and behaviour is emphasised. However, it was a little disappointing to note that not all speakers take their assigned task seriously. Notes on a piece of paper by some, only a few though, speakers gave the impression as if the thoughts had been collected only the evening before or on the way to the convention. Indeed, one must concede the knowledge and information of speakers but those Muslims who travel long distances to attend these Conferences, *do so* for two main reasons:

(1) to be in the company of good sincere Muslims; and,

(2) to learn more about Islam, the Islamic movement or movements and get some ideas for future course of action. It is also important for participants to feel involved with Islamic movements.

On an important topic such as the Hijrah, which was the turning point inMuslim history, these conferences should be able to motivate Muslims to a degree that after the three-day gathering, every Muslim feels re-dedicated and ready to spread the message of Islam to all humanity.

Several inspiring speeches were delivered by such learned scholars as Dr. jamal Badawi from Nova Scotia and Dr. Sabit Mahdy of Toronto. Muslim youth as well as Muslim women were not forgotten either and several sessions dealt specifically with aspects of particular interest to them (and indeed to everyone else). □

'Afghans dismayed with Islamic Foreign Minister's Conference'

[*Exclusive interview with Afghan Mujahid* **Ahmed Shah** *by* **E. M. Sharaff, CHICAGO**]

Afghan Mujahid and Vice Chairman of the Foreign Committee of the Islamic Alliance for the Liberation of Afghanistan, Ahmed Shah expressed his deep dismay and disappointment over what he called, 'the negative steps towards our cause' taken by the Islamic foreign Ministers conference recently held in Islamabad.

On a whirlwind tour of America to mobilize Muslim mass support for the Afghan cause, the Mujahid expressed regret and surprise at the attitude of the Foreign Ministes in not allowing them as an independent delegation to the conference. (The Afghan Alliance attended the conference as part of the Iranian delegation). Brother Ahmed Shah said that "first we were accused by the Foreign Ministers of 'disunity' but when we showed 'unity' we were asked to meet the conference as 'groups'. As groups we found, that the foreign ministers were receiving tribal chiefs as representatives of the Afghans." He added that there was no difference between the tribal leaders and the Mujahideen as whole tribes totally support the 'Jihad' against the infidel Russians.

When asked what he thought the outcome of the Foreign Ministers Conference was, Brother Ahmed Shah replied, "A big zero".
"Whatever decision the Muslim Foreign Ministers wanted to take, they did. We will continue to fight for the cause of Islam and not just Afghanistan. We are fighting with empty hands and hungry stomachs! And we are ready to giv a thousand lives each day, but we are sure that Allah will be with us and help us in this Jihad for His cause".

When his attention was brought to the disturbing reports about recent fighting in which whole villages were wiped out and the Mujahedeen suffering heavy casualties, the Mujahid said "Each home is a strong base for us. Despite their capability, it is not easy for the Soviets to fight us in the mountains or in caves. We are waiting for summer to strike even harder." The problem of the Mujahedeen is lack of anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns, he pointed out.

The Russians have MI-24 Gunships, capable of firing from all four sides. These are bullet-proof and not easy to shoot down. That is why the causalties are heavy on our side. They are destroying our villages and our innocent people.

Answering a question about the casuality figure, Ahmad Shah said that so far two million people had been killed. The very first day of the invasion 12,000 people were killed by the Soviets. A million refugees have fled the country.

He wondered why the Muslim countrieswere not coming to the help of the Afghan people. "They think perhaps it is a war between Afghanistan and Russia and they have nothing to do with it. But it is a battle of Afghanistan vs Russia. It is Islam vs Communism. The Muslim world must realize this. Today, it is Afghanistan, tomorrow, it may be Pakistan or, Iran. Afghans are not fighting against Russia, they are fighting the Communist force which is against Islam." He disclosed that the Afghan Alliance sent a request to all Muslim governments that if they didn't come to the rescue of the Afghans now, later it may be too late.

The Alliance leader denied a report in the Sunday **Philadelphia Inquirer** that "the CIA had bought small weapons in the world arms market and secretly supplied them to the guerrillas in *Afghanistan*." "It is absurd." He said.

Commenting on the battles between the ruling parcham and Rebel Khalq factions in Kabul, he said: "certainly, it's favourable to us. If it goes on, soon we may enter Kabul." (It was reported that ten officials of the Khalq faction including brother and nephew of assasinated President Amin were killed by Parcham faction of present President Babrek Karmal. He explained that Taraki, who overthrew Daoud was very weak and Amin decided to get rid of him. Learning of this, Taraki tried to get rid of Amin, but got killed himself. Amin was killed by the Soviets.

While the interview was taking place, the State Department in Washington confirmed heavy fighting around the Afghan capital with a high toll of the Mujahedeen. The Alliance leader said that they were ready to fight back, coordinating the Tribal chiefs and Mujahedeen in the relief camps. It is going to be a long war and we will continue the Jihad until the last man," he declared. □



Young Refugee Boys & G. ls at a camp in Pakistan.

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پندرہ روزہ

بھارت اس سال ایک اور ایٹمی دھماکہ کرے گا

تیاریاں زور شور سے جاری ہیں : اندرا نے برسر اقتدار آتے ہی سائنسدانوں کو اس کام پر لگا دیا تھا۔

ہم ایٹمی دھماکے کرتے رہیں گے ، امریکی کانگریس کے وفد سے اندرا گاندھی کی گفتگو

بھارت افغانستان سے روسی فوجوں کی واپسی کا حامی ہے لیکن روس دباؤ کے آگے نہیں جھکے گا

اسلحہ کی فراہمی اور بین الاقوامی معاملات میں نقطہ نظر دو مختلف باتیں ہیں : بھارتی ترجمان

مسجد الاقصیٰ کو اڑانے کی ناپاک یہودی سازش پکڑی گئی

یہودی فوجی نے ذہنی ہم مقصد ساتھی کے ساتھ مسجد کے گرد بارود کا ذخیرہ جمع کر لیا



کنسورشیم نے پاکستان کو ایک ارب ڈالر سے زائد امداد کی منظوری دی

پاکستان کے لئے ۸۰ کروڑ ڈالر اور افغان مہاجرین کے لئے ۹ کروڑ ۸۰ لاکھ ڈالر کی امداد دی جائے گی

مزید قرضوں کے بارے میں آئندہ اجلاس میں مذاکرات ہونگے

پاکستان کا موجودہ خسارہ مزید بڑھیگا ۔ افغان مہاجرین کی تعداد میں اضافہ متوقع ہے

پاکستانی سفارتکار کو زدوکوب کیا گیا

سندھ میڈیکل کالج میں لاٹھیوں چاقوؤں اور پستولوں کا آزادانہ استعمال ہوا ، ۶ طلبہ زخمی ہوئے : سرکاری پریس نوٹ

کالج غیر معینہ مدت کیلئے بند کر دیا گیا ۔ امتحانات پروگرام کے مطابق ہونگے

افغان مجاہدین کا اسلحہ



آغا شاہی

امام خمینی سے میری ملاقات پاکستان کیلئے انکے جذبہ خیرسگالی کی مظہر ہے

پاک ایران مستحکم اقتصادی تعلقات کو بے حد اہمیت دیتے ہیں

ایران بڑی طاقتوں سے علیحدہ رہ کر اپنی منزل متعین کرنا چاہتا ہے

یہ ہمارے منتخب نمائندے

موشے دایان کے دورہ بھارت پر کسی عرب ملک نے اعتراض نہیں کیا : جنرل

میں نے اسلام کیوں قبول کیا؟

تحریر: پروفیسر اے ایچ بی ہبرٹ ٭ ترجمہ: اختر فتح پوری

اسلام کی خوبیاں اور … بشیر نبی کریم صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کے احسانات واضح ہوتے چلے گئے اور آخرکار میں حلقہ بگوش اسلام ہو گیا۔

توحید کا جو تصور … کے ہاں پایا جاتا ہے وہ کسی دین میں موجود نہیں … قبول اسلام میں مجھے بہت مدد ملی۔ اسلام کی اہم خوبیوں میں سے ایک یہ ہے کہ وہ صرف روحانی تربیت پر ہی زور نہیں دیتا بلکہ انسان کو دنیاوی زندگی میں بھی ترقی کرنے کی دعوت دیتا ہے۔ وہ رہبانیت اور گوشہ گیری کے نام سے نا آشنا ہے۔ وہ انسان کو یہ نہیں کہتا کہ گھٹ گھٹ کر مر جاؤ بلکہ کارزار حیات میں اسے گھس جانے کی اجازت دیتا ہے۔ اسلام انسانیت کی دین اور دنیا دونوں میں رہنمائی کرتا ہے اور تمام مراحل حیات میں واضح تعلیمات دیتا ہے۔ اسلام کے نزدیک دنیا آخرت کی کھیتی ہے۔ وہ انسان کو حقوق و واجبات کی ادائیگی سے غافل نہیں ہونے دیتا۔ اس کو تسلیم کرنے میں کوئی اختلاف نہیں کہ موجودہ ادیان کے مقابلہ میں صرف اسلام ہی وہ دین ہے جو ترقی یافتہ دنیا کے ساتھ شانہ بشانہ چل سکتا ہے۔

اسلام میں ایک خوبی یہ ہے کہ وہ عصبیت، نخوت اور تنگ نظری کو ناپسند کرتا ہے بلکہ ان چیزوں کا دشمن ہے وہ صرف مسلمانوں کے ساتھ ہی محبت، مروت اور مودت کی تعلیم نہیں دیتا بلکہ تمام نوع انسانی کے ساتھ حسن سلوک اور محبت کی تعلیم دیتا ہے وہ منافرت اور عداوت کے بجائے اخوت اور اتحاد کا حکم دیتا ہے۔ حقیقت یہ ہے کہ اس دین نے پہلی مرتبہ انسان کو انسانیت کا سبق دیا۔ آج سے پانچ سال پہلے جب میں نے اسلام قبول کیا تھا اور جس چیز نے میرے ایمان و یقین کو پختہ کیا وہ اسلام کے بکثرت اصول اور اس کی عالمی اخوت ہے۔ اس کی مساوات دنیاوی اصولوں کی دنیا بھر میں کوئی مثال موجود نہیں۔ ان سب چیزوں نے میرے دل و دماغ کو روشن کر دیا۔ اسلام ایک ایسا دین ہے جو علم و عمل کیلئے سب کو مساوی مواقع …

عیسائیت بلاکسی تردد کے مسیحیت کو ترک کر کے حلقہ بگوش اسلام ہوا ہوں۔ مجھے اس بات کے تسلیم کرنے میں کوئی باک نہیں ہے کہ مسیحیت کے اصول بہت سے زمانہ کے حالات اور حق و صداقت پر مبنی ہیں۔ واعظوں اور پادری صاحبان کی بدعات نے مکمل طور پر اصل مسیحیت کا حلیہ بگاڑ کے رکھ دیا ہے اور اسے ایک بے جان لاش کی طرح کر دیا ہے۔

مگر اسلام اپنی اصل صورت پر قائم ہے۔ مجھے ایک ایسے دین کی جستجو تھی جو بدعات و خرافات سے پاک ہو۔ میں نے اسلام کو اس لیے قبول کیا ہے کہ وہ میرے دل کو اچھا لگا ہے۔

اگر آپ کبھی عیسائیوں کے گرجے میں جانے کا موقع ملے تو وہاں آپ کو تصاویر، مجسموں اور سامان عیش و نشاط کے سوا کچھ نہیں ملے گا۔ پادریوں کے لباس اور ان کے طرز زندگی سے آپ کو پتہ چلے گا کہ انہیں روحانیت سے کچھ بھی تعلق نہیں اور آپ محسوس کریں گے کہ آپ عبادت گاہ کے بجائے کسی بنگلے میں آ گھسے ہوئے ہیں۔

حقیقت یہ ہے کہ نماز میں رکوع و سجود کا منظر بڑا دلآویز ہوتا ہے اور جو اسے دیکھتا ہے متاثر ہوتا ہے …

…

حقیقت کی طرف رہنمائی کرتا ہے کہ ہمیں دنیا کی نعمتوں سے مستفید ہونا چاہئے اور خالق اور مخلوق کے حقوق کو نہیں بھولنا چاہئے جب میں نے اسلام قبول کیا تو مجھے انتہائی سکون اور اطمینان میسر آیا …

۱۹۶۵ء کی پاک بھارت جنگ میں اسرائیلی ماہرین نے چھمب جوڑیاں سیکٹر کا دورہ کیا تھا

۱۹۷۱ء کی جنگ میں بھارتی طیاروں کی مرمت تل ابیب میں کی گئی تھی

بھارت اور اسرائیل کے خفیہ گٹھ جوڑ کے بارے میں مزید انکشافات

کراچی ……… (رپورٹ) بھارت کے سابق وزیر اعظم مرارجی ڈیسائی …

سنسر کی پابندیاں برقرار رہیں گی، گورنر کانفرنس پالیسی پر نظرثانی کریگی: صدر ضیاء

پابندیاں حقیقی مقاصد کے لئے ہوں گی، سرکاری ملازمین کی ذاتی اغراض کے لئے نہیں، معاشرہ میں گھٹن پیدا نہیں ہونے دی جائے گی

تعمیری تنقید کی اجازت ہونی چاہیے لیکن غیر ذمہ دار صحافت کی اجازت نہیں دی جا سکتی

صحافیوں کو وسیع تر مفاد میں کچھ پابندیاں قبول کر لینی چاہئیں

ملتان ……… (اے پی پی) صدر جنرل محمد ضیاء الحق نے کہا ہے کہ حکومت پریس پر سنسر سے متعلق اپنی پالیسی پر گورنر کانفرنس میں نظرثانی کرے گی …

اسلامی انقلاب نے ایران کے پرانے استحصالی نظام کو بدل کر رکھ دیا ہے: پروفیسر غفور

عدل و انصاف پر مبنی نظام کی بنیاد رکھ دی گئی ہے۔ ایرانی حکومت نے تمام تر دشواریوں کے باوجود عام انتخابات کرا دیئے: پی پی آئی کو انٹرویو

تہران کی بین الاقوامی کانفرنس کے دور رس نتائج نکلیں گے

خود سابق امریکی اٹارنی جنرل نے واضح الفاظ میں امریکی جرائم کا اعتراف کیا

کراچی ……… (پی پی آئی) تہران کانفرنس میں شرکت کر کے …

کویت کا اصل وزیر خارجہ …

تجاویز ارسال کیجئے

کراچی ……… صدر جنرل محمد ضیاء الحق نے …

روس بڑے پیمانے پر ایرانی ریال خرید رہا ہے

کابل کے ہوٹلوں میں پاکستانیوں کیلئے جگہ نہیں

امام معراج النبی میں اسلام کا بنیادی پیغام یاد دلاتے ہیں: خمینی



معزول شاہ شاہی لباس پہن کر اور ملکہ فرح سولہ سنگھار کر کے جلاوطن ایرانی سیاستدانوں کی دعوتیں کرتے ہیں

دونوں عربی زبان سیکھ رہے ہیں، شاہ کا وزن ۴ کلو بڑھ گیا

ملکہ عبدالقدوس محل میں اسکندر … کے متعلق خوش ہوتے ہیں

ماڈل گرل شبنم کا بہیمانہ قتل

سرعت فورنگ نبیل پر رکھ دیا گیا

قاتل مقتولہ کی لاش پر ۸۰ ہزار روپے بکھیر کر فرار ہوگئے

مختلف اعضاء خون آلود قالین پر بکھرے ہوئے پائے گئے

گلشن اقبال میں سنسنی خیز واردات

کراچی — اسٹاف رپورٹر ماڈل گرل شبنم کو گلشن اقبال میں [illegible]

قتل کی اطلاع ... [illegible]



مقتولہ شبنم

[illegible]



مختصر مختصر اشتہارات

ضرورت رشتہ

شریف اور خوبصورت لڑکا عمر ۳۰ سال سید شیعہ تعلق یو۔پی۔ سکونت کراچی، تعلیم ایم۔اے، ایل ایل بی کے لیے شریف اور نیک سیرت لڑکی کا رشتہ مطلوب ہے۔

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نیک سیرت، خوش شکل اور سمارٹ لڑکی عمر ۲۱ سال، تعلیم بی اے، کمپیوٹر پروگرامنگ میں ڈپلومہ، حیدر آباد دکن کے معزز گھرانے سے تعلق، سکونت کراچی کے لیے شریف اور تعلیم یافتہ لڑکے کا رشتہ مطلوب ہے۔

مندرجہ بالا دونوں رشتوں کے سلسلے میں ذیل کے پتہ پر رابطہ قائم کریں:

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پاکستان میں مقیم ایک تعلیم یافتہ دوشیزہ عمر ۲۴ سال کے لیے موزوں رشتہ مطلوب ہے۔ خواہشمند پتہ ذیل پر خط لکھیں۔

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محفلِ شعر و سخن

(اشعار بہ اعتبارِ عنوان)

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کی مرے قتل کے بعد اس نے جفا سے توبہ
ہائے اس زود پشیماں کا پشیماں ہونا
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بس اس منہ سے شکایت کرنے بیٹھے تھے ظہیر
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وہ آئے ہیں پشیماں لاش پر اب
تجھے اے زندگی لاؤں کہاں سے
— مومن

روحِ اربابِ محبت کی لرز جاتی ہے
تو پشیماں نہ ہو، اپنی جفا یاد نہ کر
— فانی

پہلی نظر

نظر سے ان کی پہلی ہی نظر یوں مل گئی اپنی
کہ جیسے مدتوں سے تھی کسی سے دوستی اپنی
— جگر مرادآبادی

پھر بھی کبھی نگاہِ کرم ہوگی دل کی طرف
امید آج تک اسی پہلی نظر کی ہے
— منیر شکوہ آبادی

دوبارہ دل میں کوئی انقلاب ہو نہ سکا
تمہاری پہلی نظر کا جواب ہو نہ سکا
— ناطق لکھنوی



ذی شان صدیقی (ڈراچسٹر۔ مشیگن)

ایرانی ادب سے انتخاب

اور آئینہ ٹوٹ گیا

مصنف: صادق ہدایت
مترجم: ... حسن کاظمی



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پندرہ روزہ
الہلال
نوٹنگھم برطانیہ

أَلَآ إِنَّ أَوْلِيَآءَ ٱللَّهِ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ
سنو! کہ اللہ کے دوست ہیں ان کو نہ کوئی خوف ہے اور نہ وہ غمگین ہوں گے (القرآن)

اپنی سرکار کو یہ مشورہ بھی دے دیجیے

بھارتی سفیر متعینہ پاکستان کنور نٹور سنگھ نے گزشتہ دنوں کہا کہ پاکستان اور بھارت کی حکومتوں کو کھوکھرا پار کا ریل کا راستہ دوبارہ کھول دینے پر غور کرنا چاہیے۔ انہوں نے بھارتی سفارت کا اعلان وال گھسی پٹی بات بھی دہرائی کہ ہم نے پاکستان کی جانب دوستی کا ہاتھ بڑھایا ہے۔ باوجود اس حقیقت کے کہ پاکستان اور بھارت کے درمیان بعض مسائل ابھی تک حل طلب ہیں لیکن پاہم دونوں ممالک مختلف شعبوں میں تعاون کر سکتے ہیں۔

یہ بات نا جانے کیوں دہرائی جاتی ہے۔ اہل پاکستان کے لیے قابل قبول نہیں ہو جائے گی کہ حل طلب مسئلوں کی بات چھوڑ دی جائے اور پہلے تعاون کریں۔ دوستی اور تعاون بھارت کو درکار ہے تو پہلے کشیدگی کے اسباب دور کرنے ہوں گے اور حل طلب مسائل کو نمٹانا ہو گا۔ جب تک ترجیحات کی یہ ترتیب درست نہیں ہو گی اس وقت تک محض ایک بے معنی بات کی طرح رٹ لگائے رکھنے سے کچھ حاصل نہ ہو گا۔ اور سیدھی سی بات یہ ہے کہ پہلے بھارتی حکومت پاکستان کے بارے میں اپنی سوچ اور نیتوں کا قبلہ درست کرے۔ جنتا حکومت نے ۳۳ سال میں پہلی بار یہ احساس دیا تھا کہ بھارت کے روایتی رویے میں کوئی تبدیلی آئی ہے۔ مسز اندرا گاندھی نے آتے ہی جس طرح پاکستان کے بارے میں اشتعال انگیز بیان بازی کی، افغانستان کے معاملے میں جیسا مسلم دشمن رویہ اختیار کیا اور جس طرح ایک بار پھر برصغیر میں مسلم کش فسادات کا دور شروع کر دیا ہے اس کے بعد بھارتی سفارت کاروں کی دوستی کی ساری باتیں محض چیتر معلوم ہوتی ہیں۔

نٹور سنگھ صاحب نے جیسے یہاں پاکستانی مسلمانوں کے ترجمان بن کر یہ تک کہا ہے کہ کھوکھرا پار کا ریل کا راستہ دوبارہ کھول دیا جائے اور ڈاک کی شرح پر نظر ثانی کی جائے۔ اگر مسلمانوں سے یا اہل پاکستان سے کوئی اخلاص ہے تو وہ پہلے اپنی حکومت سے یہ بات منوائیں کہ پاکستان آنے والے بھارتیوں کو پاکستان آتے وقت مناسب رقم بھی زاد راہ کے طور پر دی جائے۔ بیچارے بھارتی مسلمان جب سرحد عبور کرتے ہیں تو انہیں سرکاری طور پر محض تیس روپے فی کس دیے جاتے ہیں۔ ہم نٹور سنگھ صاحب سے پوچھتے ہیں کہ اگر کھوکھرا پار کا راستہ بھی کھول دیا جائے تو کیا کوئی بھارتی محض تیس روپے میں کھوکھرا پار سے کراچی تک آمد و رفت کے دو طرفہ سفر کا کرایہ ادا کر سکتا ہے؟ پہلے اپنی حکومت سے یہ تو کہیے کہ وہ پاکستان جانے والے بھارتیوں کے آبرو مندانہ سفر کے لیے مناسب زاد سفر کا انتظام کرے جو حکومت اپنے شہریوں کے لیے اتنا نہ کر سکتی ہو اس کے سفارت کار پاکستانی مسلمانوں کے جذبات کی ترجمانی کا کام سنبھالیں تو یہ محض بہت بھونڈا مذاق نظر آتا ہے۔ سمجھے کنور نٹور سنگھ جی!

معاصر جسارت کراچی

کشور قلم

علم کا گریبان تار تار

سید عارف جیلانی

وہ ایک غریب مدرس ہے۔ تعلیم یافتہ، مہذب، روشن خیال، اور ایک نظریے، ایک مقصد پر یقین رکھنے والا مدرس۔ جو شہر سے باہر کچی آبادی میں رہتا ہے وہ ہر صبح لاہور میں قوم کے نونہالوں میں علم کی روشنی بانٹنے کے لیے آتا اور شام کو لوٹ جاتا ہے دوسری صبح کو پھر واپس آنے کے لیے ——— اور اس کا یہ معمول برسوں سے ہے۔

اس دن بھی وہ قوم کے نونہالوں میں روشنی بانٹنے کے بعد چلا تھا اپنی سستی سی موٹر سائیکل پر اپنے گھر، اپنے گھونسلے کے تصورات کو ذہن میں بسائے، جہاں اس کے معصوم بچے اور بیوی جاتے اس کا انتظار کر رہے ہوتے وہ ہر شام اس کا انتظار کرتے ہیں ——— مگر کتنا نادر قانون کے محافظوں سے اس کی ملاقات ہو گئی۔

وہ اپنی موٹر سائیکل پر جا رہا تھا کہ ٹریفک پولیس کے سارجنٹ نے کاغذات دیکھنے ہونے کی بنا پر اس کا چالان کیا اور اس نے ایک ذمہ دار شہری کی طرح چالان حاصل کی پھر ٹریفک کی سرخ بتی جس کا راستہ روک لیا اور وہ سبز بتی کے انتظار میں رک گیا، ادھر چند قدم دور کھڑا ہوا قانون کا وہی محافظ ایک شکار کو پھانسنے کی فکر میں تھا۔

چنانچہ قانون کے محافظ نے اسے چند فٹ پیچھے سے پیچھے جانے کا حکم دیا تو وہ یہ کہہ کر قدم آگے بڑھانے سے ہچکچانے لگا کہ ابھی بتی سبز ہو گی تو آگے بڑھوں گا، اور جب سرخ، سبز کا فلسفہ قانون کے محافظ کے لیے گراں طبع کا موجب بن گیا۔ اس جواب سے قانون کا محافظ چراغ پا ہو گیا۔ تب قانون کے محافظ کا ہاتھ علم کے گریبان تک پہنچا اور اسے تار تار کر گیا۔ قانون کے محافظوں نے اسے بے عزت کر دیا اس کے خلاف مختلف دفعات ۱۰۹، ۲۵۳، ۵۹ ڈی ٹی پی کے تحت مقدمہ بھی درج ہو گیا اور یوں وہ ایک دن اور دو راتیں حوالات میں گزار کر باہر آیا ———

وہ اب بھی انہی سڑکوں پر پھرتا ہے مگر اب اس کے پاس، اس کے دامن میں کچھ نہیں وہ خود اپنی نظروں سے نظریں ملانے کی جرأت نہیں رکھتا اور اسے ہر محافظ قانون سے خوف آتا ہے اور قانون سے بھی ——— یہی قانون تو اس کے لیے رسوائیاں لایا اور ان رسوائیوں نے اپنے گھر میں اپنے محلے میں اور اپنے دوستوں میں اسے عزت نفس سے محروم کر دیا اس کا دل بجھ چکا ہے وہ کہ روشنی پھیلاتا تھا اس کا اپنا دامن تاریکیوں سے بھر گیا ہے۔ اس کا دل ٹوٹ گیا ہے۔ دل تو ایک شیشہ ہے اور ٹوٹے شیشوں کا مسیحا کوئی نہیں

وہ مقبرہ جہانگیر کے قریب رہتا ہے مگر عدل جہانگیری سے محروم ہے کیونکہ وہ زنجیر جہانگیر کے ہاتھ نہیں آ رہی ہے تاکہ وہ عدل جہانگیری حاصل کر سکے۔ وہ ایک غریب مدرس جو ہے۔

آداب معاشرت

منصور آزاد صدیقی

اُجرت

مزدوری کی مزدوری اس کا پسینہ خشک ہونے سے پہلے دو ... اور یہ کم نہ ہو بلکہ کام کی نوعیت کے لحاظ سے جو کم نہ ہو۔

مناسب طریقہ

کسی کو کام پر لگانے سے پہلے اس کی اجرت بتا دو۔

اعتدال رکھو

خرچ میں میانہ روی نصف معاش ہے۔
(مشکوٰۃ عن ابن عمر)

وعدہ کی اہمیت

مومن کا وعدہ (قرض کی طرح) واجب الادا ہے اور مومن کا وعدہ ایسا ہے جیسے ہاتھ پکڑ لیا۔
(کنز العمال)

دنیا کی حقیقت: فرمایا رسول اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم نے کہ دنیا کی مثال آخرت کے مقابلہ میں بس ایسی ہے جیسے کہ تم میں سے کوئی اپنی ایک انگلی دریا میں ڈال کر نکال لے اور پھر دیکھے کہ پانی کا کتنا حصہ اس میں لگ کر آیا ہے۔
(عن مستورد بن شداد صحیح مسلم)

(۲) ارشاد فرمایا: "اگر اللہ کے نزدیک دنیا کی قدر و قیمت مچھر کے پر کے برابر بھی ہوتی تو کسی کافر کو وہ ایک گھونٹ پانی بھی نہ دیتا۔"
(عن سہل بن سعد، مسند احمد، جامع ترمذی، سنن ابن ماجہ)

(۳) حضرت عبداللہ ابن عمر سے روایت ہے کہ رسول اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم نے میرے دونوں کندھے پکڑ کر مجھ سے ارشاد فرمایا کہ "دنیا میں ایسے رہو کہ تو پردیسی ہے یا راستہ چلتا مسافر۔" (صحیح بخاری)

(۴) ارشاد فرمایا کہ "جب اللہ تعالیٰ کسی بندے سے محبت کرتا ہے تو دنیا سے اس کو اس طرح پرہیز کراتا ہے جس طرح کہ تم میں سے کوئی اپنے مریض کو پانی سے پرہیز کراتا ہے، جبکہ پانی سے نقصان پہنچتا ہو۔"
(عن قتادہ بن نعمان، مسند احمد، جامع ترمذی)

(۵) ارشاد فرمایا کہ "کیا کوئی ایسا ہے کہ پانی پر چلے اور اس کے پاؤں نہ بھیگیں؟"
عرض کیا گیا، حضرت، ایسا تو نہیں ہو سکتا۔
ارشاد فرمایا، "اسی طرح دنیا دار گناہوں سے محفوظ نہیں رہ سکتا۔" (عن انس، شعب الایمان للبیہقی)

(۶) ارشاد فرمایا کہ "دنیا مومن کا قید خانہ ہے اور کافر کی جنت ہے۔" (عن ابو ہریرہ، مسلم)

جو شخص کچھ نہ جانتا ہو اور نہیں کرتا ... گنگار، گمراہ، یا ... ہوگا۔

زندگی

برتر از اندیشۂ سود و زیاں ہے زندگی
ہے کبھی جاں اور کبھی تسلیم جاں ہے زندگی
تو اسے پیمانۂ امروز و فردا سے نہ ناپ
جاوداں، پیہم دواں، ہر دم جواں ہے زندگی

الہلال پڑھیے — باخبر رہیے

القرآن

اے اللہ ہمیں رسوائی سے بچا

مالک! ہم نے ایک پکارنے والے کو سنا جو ایمان کی طرف بلاتا تھا اور کہتا تھا کہ اپنے رب کو مانو۔ ہم نے اس کی دعوت قبول کر لی۔ پس اے ہمارے آقا! جو قصور ہم سے ہوئے ہیں ان سے درگزر فرما، جو برائیاں ہم میں ہیں انہیں دور کر دے اور ہمارا خاتمہ نیک لوگوں کے ساتھ کر۔ خداوندا! جو وعدے تو نے اپنے رسولوں کے ذریعے سے کیے ہیں ان کو ہمارے ساتھ پورا کر اور قیامت کے دن ہمیں رسوائی میں نہ ڈال، بے شک تو اپنے وعدے کے خلاف کرنے والا نہیں۔
(آل عمران ۱۹۳-۱۹۴)

السنۃ

اللہ دلوں کے بھید جانتا ہے

ام معبد کہتی ہیں کہ میں نے رسول اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کو فرماتے سنا: "اے میرے اللہ! میرے دل کو نفاق سے، میرے عمل کو ریا سے، میری زبان کو جھوٹ سے اور میری آنکھ کو خیانت سے پاک کر دے یقیناً تو آنکھوں کی خیانت اور دل کے اسرار کو جانتا ہے۔" (مشکوٰۃ)

عطیہ سعدی سے روایت ہے کہ رسول اللہ نے فرمایا: "بندہ تقویٰ کا مقام نہیں پا سکتا تاوقتیکہ وہ ان چیزوں کو بھی نہ چھوڑ دے جن میں بظاہر کوئی حرج نہیں ہے اس اندیشے سے کہ کہیں وہ ان چیزوں میں مبتلا نہ ہو جائے جن میں حرج ہے۔" (ابن ماجہ، ترمذی، مشکوٰۃ)

بعض عناصر ملک کو نقصان پہنچانے کی سازشیں کر رہے ہیں : صدر ضیاء

بیرونی ملک غیر ملکی طاقتوں کے ساتھ سازش میں مصروف ہیں، حکومت ایسے عناصر سے آگاہ ہے اور اسے اپنی ذمہ داری کا احساس ہے، ان غیر ملکی ایجنٹوں کو بے نقاب کیا جائیگا

میں ملک میں عام انتخابات کرانے کے وعدے پر قائم ہوں

انتخابات نہ ہو سکنے کے ذمہ دار دوسرے ہیں ۔ بلدیاتی اداروں کو موثر بنایا جانا چاہیے ۔ امن و امان کی صورت حال قابو میں ہے ۔ ہم اسلامی نظام کی مستحکم بنیاد رکھ دینگے

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امریکہ کے ایک درجن لڑاکا طیارے مصر میں فضائی جنگ کی مشقیں کرینگے

ایران اور افغانستان کی صورتحال سے علاقے توجہ کا مرکز بن گئے ہیں ۔ امریکی فضائیہ کے سربراہ کا بیان

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وقت آگیا ہے کہ ہم یہ ملک چھوڑ دیں

افغان شہری بیوی کے ساتھ فرار ہو کر بھارت پہنچ گیا

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ترکی میں قرآن مجید عربی رسم الخط میں پڑھایا جائیگا

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روس میں اسلامی تہذیب و ثقافت ایک ناقابل معافی جرم ہے

حکومت روس نے ایک حکم جاری کیا ہے کہ تاتاری مسلمانوں کو اس بات کی اجازت نہیں ہے کہ وہ ... علاقوں سے اپنے وطن لوٹ سکیں۔ ایک مصدقہ اندازے کے مطابق ڈیڑھ کروڑ مسلمان روسی کمیونسٹوں کے ہاتھوں مارے جا چکے ہیں اور لاکھوں کی تعداد میں جلاوطن کر دیے گئے ہیں یا جیلوں میں ڈال دیے گئے ہیں جہاں سے صرف موت انہیں رہائی دلا سکتی ہے۔ یہ تمام وہ مسلمان تھے جنہوں نے کمیونزم کے نظریہ کو قبول کرنے سے انکار کر دیا تھا۔

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اشتراکی روس میں
اسلام کی حالت زار

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> **اپنی تمام ظالمانہ کوششوں کے باوجود**
> **روس میں اسلام کو ختم نہیں کیا جا سکا**

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حکومت روس نے اس سوال کا کوئی جواب نہیں دیا بہر حال اس کی کوئی اہمیت نہیں ہے کہ روس نے کوئی جواب دیا یا نہیں۔ اہمیت اس بات کی ہے کہ کوئی مسلمان حکومت اس سوال کو اقوام متحدہ میں اٹھائے اور ان ممالک کی آزادی کے سوال پر اقوام متحدہ میں بحث ہو۔ اس کے علاوہ یہ سوال تمام دنیا کے آزاد ممالک میں زیر بحث آئے تاکہ اس معاملے کا حل تلاش کیا جائے۔ اسلامی دنیا کے عوام اس بات پر زور دیں اور اس کے لئے سفارتی ذرائع، ریڈیو، ٹیلی ویژن، اخبارات، کانفرنسیں وغیرہ استعمال کریں اور اس سوال کو تمام دنیا میں اس کونے سے اس کونے تک پہنچا دیں۔ دنیا کو اس المناک صورت حال سے خبردار کریں کہ روس کے مسلمان کس طرح غلامی کی زندگی گزار رہے ہیں اور ان پر کون کون سے مظالم ہو رہے ہیں۔

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ان کی مادری زبان میں مہیا کرنا بھی لازمی ہے۔ ... سے کام لینا چاہیے۔ مسلمانوں کی حالت زار کو ریڈیو کے ذریعہ روسی مسلمانوں کو خصوصاً اور تمام دنیا کے مسلمانوں کو سنانا چاہیے۔ ... اور سوویت یونین میں بسنے والے مسلمانوں کو عیسائی بنانے کے لئے ... ہے۔

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کیا جائے گا اور امید ہے کہ جلد ہی نہ صرف یہ ادارہ قائم ہو جائے گا بلکہ اس کی کارروائیاں بھی شروع ہو جائیں گی۔ اگر فوری طور پر اس ادارے کا قیام ممکن نہ ہو تو یہ بات بہت اہم ہے کہ اس طرف کو پورا کرنے کے لئے کام شروع کر دیا جائے۔ اور اس میں مزید تاخیر نہ کی جائے۔ ترکستان کی ... اسلامی روایات ہیں۔ یہ علاقہ ماضی میں اسلام کا بہت بڑا اور اہم مرکز رہ چکا ہے۔ اگر ہم نے اسے نظر انداز کر دیا تو یہ ممالک اسلامی تعلیمات اور اسلامی تہذیب سے محروم ہو جائیں گے اور اسلام یہاں سے رخصت ہو جائے گا۔ پھر یہاں اسلام کا دوبارہ ... ممکن نہ ہوگا۔ اس لئے یہ بات بہت اہمیت رکھتی ہے کہ ہم فوری طور پر بلا تاخیر ... ترکستان قائم کر سکیں تو یہ عمل بہت مفید ہوگا اور اسلام کا ... کیا جا سکے گا۔

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اس سلسلے میں ... شاہ ... ابن عبدالعزیز ...

جسٹس عبدالحئی قریشی چیف جسٹس بنا دیے گئے

اسلام آباد — ...

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ممتاز ناول نگار زبیدہ خاتون انتقال کر گئیں

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ہالینڈ میں ایک پاکستانی منشیات فروش
پولیس سے بچ کر سفارتخانے میں جا گھسا

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بمبئی میں شہزادی کی موت کی نمائش

...

افغان مہاجرین کی تعداد [illegible] لاکھ ہو گئی

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ٹورانٹو ۔ کنیڈا

پندرہ روزہ

الہلال

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شمارہ: ۸

بیرونِ وطن پاکستانیوں کا ترجمان ۔ شمالی امریکہ میں اردو کا سب سے پہلا اور کثیر الاشاعت اخبار

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قائداعظم یونیورسٹی کی شریعت فیکلٹی کو اسلامی یونیورسٹی بنا دیا گیا

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اسلامی نظام کے لئے اقدامات

